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**EDITORIAL**

**Ten in the Family**

To-morrow will be Dominion Day and the celebration of Confederation in this year of 1949 is different from many of its predecessors. This year Canada has ten provinces in the confederation which started in 1867 with only four provinces. Newfoundland is the latest member of the family to join Confederation and this now completes the family circle.

Canada is a great Dominion, a great world power. The years since 1867 have seen tremendous strides in expansion, not only in territory and people, but in industry, agricultural advancement and Canada taking her place among the nations of the world. The years that follow will undoubtedly see more rapid growth and development. May it be as sound and as well founded as the years of the past.

Not only in industry, population and territory does a nation become great. Its people, their morals, their respect for law and order, their industry and integrity are the things that build a nation into greatness. Canada may well profit by history in this respect and kept firm the things that build a nation into greatness.

**The Decision is Decisive**

The electors have registered in a democratic way, the decision in Dominion government. There is no uncertainty in that decision. The largest majority since confederation has been given the Liberal party to carry on the government of Canada for the next five years.

There will be many opinions expressed and discussed. We will only make two notations in looking over the results. The man who is well considered in his home town is usually well received in the broader field. The second observation is that the "Georges" didn't do it and the sooner two of them are removed from the Conservative Party, the sooner that party will once again become a factor in the affairs of the Dominion and exert the influence it should.

The Liberal party has been given a great mandate. Its majority is overwhelming and it would have been better perhaps if it were 40 less than at present, when a more vigorous opposition would challenge the government's work.

It is a great triumph and a great challenge to Hon. Louis St. Laurent. It will require firmness and caution to keep in check such a victorious following. The record of the Liberal Party in Canada has been approved. The record of the present regime goes on for five years. On that record the next election will be fought and won. From their predecessors, the Liberals have been handed a great history. It is up to this and future followers of their party to keep it clean and for the best interests of Canadians, not in any particular part of the great Dominion, but for the good of Canada as a whole.

The election has also shown that the glib and numerous promises of new parties are not taken seriously. The electors are beginning to observe that governments have no gifts to make except those supplied by the taxpayers. Perhaps the downward trend on these new parties will have a sobering effect on promising platforms of the two old parties. If such a lesson is learned, Canada will be the better of the experience.

**Understanding**

Last week we attended a convention in Buffalo when New York State and Ontario and Quebec Editors met in joint session to discuss newspaper problems common to both and to meet socially for a day or so. American and Canadian speakers were heard.

At one session the President of the Canadian Advertisers' Association explained some of the fundamental differences between Canada and the United States. He did it very tactfully and

understandingly and it was bound to be splendid background for an editorial or news writer.

At another meeting of Assemblymen and the Lieut.-Governor of New York State were speakers and gave a glimpse of American viewpoint which we appreciated hearing. Not always were the things presented by the speakers acceptable to all the editors. We imagine Americans and Canadians did not agree on many points raised by speakers. But they were points well presented and facts that should be known if all are to have better understanding.

This was the first newspaper gathering of an international character which we have attended. It may not be the last. These are days of broadening travel and wider neighborhoods. There is much to be learned when folks meet together and discuss problems even when they are from different countries.

**Use Care in Holiday Driving**

For the second year in succession, Canadian and American national holidays come at the beginning and at the end of the same week-end. Hon. George H. Doucett, Ontario Minister of Highways, points out in a statement urging the motorists and pedestrians to be extra careful in the hazardous holiday traffic expected over the coming week-end.

With Dominion Day falling on Friday and the American Independence Day on the following Monday, a double dose of danger threatens motorists unless highway users in both countries make a point of keeping speeds down and motoring manners up for safer holiday driving, the Minister states.

Motorists will get much more pleasure out of holiday travel, Mr. Doucett believes, if they form the habit of taking it easy instead of trying to bully their way through traffic. Open stretches of highway should not be regarded as places for a burst of speed, but rather as well come intermissions that ease the strain of driving in unusually heavy traffic.

**Owen Sound Said It**

Owen Sound gave the general answer to what folks in Ontario are thinking about the liquor laws of this province. On every one of the four questions asked, Owen Sound turned down the proposals to make that city wet. This city has had local option for over thirty years and knows well that the more outlets provided mean more liquor consumed and less money for food and clothing and the staple sales that keep any business community going.

**Taxpayers Get No Gifts**

In explaining to Toronto officials some proposed expenditures by the Canadian National Exhibition, General Manager Elwood Hughes declared that one substantial item wouldn't cost taxpayers a cent. The money for this bit of finery—two fountains and a pond to cost \$48,000—would come out of a special grant from the Dominion Government, Mr. Hughes explained.

**EDITORIAL NOTES**

Dominion Day to-morrow and Canada's eighty-second birthday and July's contribution to public holidays.

Rains are still a bit spotty and unfortunately this district hasn't even been in the right spot to profit much by whatever did fall.

The election is over and we can all settle down to routine business again and Toronto papers can get back to reporting the world news.

Bad Temper, states the Windsor Daily Star, always undermines judgement. "Professor Karl Bernhardt, University of Toronto, psychologist, claims a motorman or bus driver who is in bad humor is a potential danger to the passengers he transports. Which is one instance of psychology and common sense agreeing."

**Recollections of Acton**  
**BACK IN 1899**

Taken from the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 19th, 1899

Four hundred and twenty tickets were sold at Acton for the Farmer's Institute excursion to Guelph on Saturday.

Messrs. Beardmore and Co. have had a new metal roof put on the leach house at the sole leather tannery the past week.

Tenders for the various works on the building of the Baptist Church were accepted as follows: carpenter work, John Evans Acton, brick and stone work, Thomas H. Taylor, Nassau gasworks, plastering, John Kennedy Nassagaweya. The new church will be of Milton pressed brick with a stone foundation. The main building will be 29 1/2 x 68 and there will be a school room in the rear with sliding doors between.

Mr. A. Mann Jr. Port Arthur made his father, Hugh Mann Esq. a brief visit this week. It is 23 years since Mr. Mann left Acton for the North West and he has spent the whole of that period in the North West and British Columbia. For a number of years he has been superintending railway construction work for his brother, the well known Dan Mann, and has just settled at Port Arthur to look after the big contract recently entered into there.

"It required seventeen stitches to sew up the brutal wounds inflicted by the Galt team on our boys during the first half-hour of the game," said President Matthews, referring to the horse race at Galt on Saturday. Both teams were well matched and the game keenly contested. Galt edging out Acton 4-3. Acton line-up was as follows: Watson, goal, Shields, point, F. Hyder, cover point, Scott, J. Walton, Statham, defence, E. Ryder, centre, Williams, Brebour, Cornet, home, Irwin, outside home, Matthews, captain.

**MARRIED**  
**PURSELL-RAMSEY.** At the residence of the bride's parents in Gloversville, N.Y., on Wednesday, 29th June, by Rev. M. Gunn, J. Walton Purcell to Margaret, youngest daughter of Wm. Ramsey, formerly of Acton.

**BACK IN 1929**

From the Issue of The Free Press of Thursday, June 27th, 1929

With good weather a pleasant and interesting time seems assured in Acton over the week-end.

Mr. Alfred Bishop, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Bishop, has been accepted for a position on Toronto Police Force.

On Tuesday evening Rev. and Mrs. A. C. Stewart were hosts to the teachers of the Acton Continuation and Public Schools and teachers of Lorne and Bannockburn School at the Mansie. The teachers who are returning from the Acton staff were presented by their fellow teachers with books.

The Dublin Branch of the Women's Institute held their June meeting at the home of Mrs. D. McDougall when the winning side in the copper contest were banquetted by the losing side.

Among the Boy Scouts who will go to England to the Scout Jamboree are three from the First Brampton troop. One is a former Acton boy, George Leslie Little, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Little, former Acton residents.

**BORN**  
**SPROWL.** In Acton on Tuesday, June 29th 1929, to Mr. and Mrs. Griffin Sprowl, a daughter.

**DIED**  
**DUFF.** Suddenly in Esqueping Township on Thursday, June 29, 1929, Robert Duff, in his 80th year.

**CALDWELL.** At Lamehouse on Friday, June 25, 1929, Ida Henrietta Caldwell, fourth daughter of Rev. and Mrs. H. Caldwell in her 29th year.

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